

**REMARKS**

In response to the August 25, 2004 Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect without traverse Group II (Claims 9-12 and 24) drawn to an isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 4 and 6-15, variants or portions of the polypeptides, and a composition or kit comprising the polypeptides. Applicants make this election without prejudice to pursuing non-elected subject matter in later applications. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.141, upon the allowance of the product claims, Applicants respectfully reserve the right of rejoinder of the process claims.

The amendment to the Specification of the instant application is to correct the priority claim.

**CONCLUSION**

On the basis of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested as soon as possible. If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, or if further discussion would expedite allowance of the claims, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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